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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to you regarding the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP.) I fully support this petition for the following reasons: forced molting is so cruel that it was banned in Great Britain in 1987, the natural lifespan of a chicken is 15-20 years but layer hens die or are killed after 1 or 2 years, and forced molting is simply legal torture intended to line the pockets of greedy egg producers. Please do what you can to help end this unconscionable practice. Thank you for your compassion.

Sincerely,

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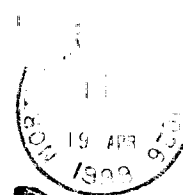
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